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Back to School

Cole Grimes is just one of many Lajes youth that will trade in their beach towels for bookbags this week. School starts Monday. See more on pages 6-7. (Composite by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson)



CV urges troops to join the e-mail revolt

By Col. Jeffrey Derrick
65th Air Base Wing vice commander

Kind of an attention-getting title, heh? Now, I'm not really advocating that we stop reading or sending e-mail altogether. What I am saying is don't let e-mail drive your everyday schedule and, most importantly, don't let e-mail become a substitute for getting in your sections and leading men and women.

A few years ago, a friend of mine, Col. Brad Rienert, and I were discussing some takeaways from a conference he had attended. One of the guest speakers mentioned how we as leaders and subordinates, can get caught up in e-mail. His bottom line was, you can let e-mail can drive you to the point where you stay in your office or work area, behind a computer screen, and literally sit there all day, reading and writing e-mail. You try to stay ahead of the e-mail and find yourself waiting for the next message to arrive in your inbox so you can quickly turn it around and reply or forward it to someone else.

One of my peers jokingly said when discussing e-mail and their tasking benefits, "an action passed is an action complete." In other words, if you send an e-mail, the issue isn't on your plate anymore, it's up to someone else to answer the issue or answer you back.

Personally, I think e-mail is a great tool when used for communicating basic or important information, keeping people informed of ongoing issues, tasking folks, or coordinating with one another on various policy or procedural changes ... and countless other uses as well.

I'll never forget that in my first command assignment, I would write notes on a memo pad and send them in distribution to the tasked agency within the squadron or I would call or even visit the office and ask the question face to

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face. With e-mail, the memo pad in distribution is basically gone and it's now much easier to communicate than it was a few years ago. However, this has created a situation where, if you're not careful, e-mail can drive you, your daily schedule and your operation, keeping you behind the desk rather than leading "out front."

After my conversation with Colonel Reinert, I did a self assessment of my leadership style and made the decision that I was probably spending too much time in front of a computer and not enough time with the troops. I didn't have the right balance between e-mail and personal one-on-one conversations or group discussions that are necessary to maintain a good pulse of the organization. And as we all know, this isn't the right sight picture.

While e-mail is important, leadership by walking around (to steal a phrase from the old management by walking around philosophy) is much more important. It is absolutely vital to see firsthand how things in your organization are going. And it can't be a one-time visit — it has to be continuous. You've got to keep a keen eye on what is really going on in your organization.

What's more, your troops want to see you in their work area, out on the flight line, in the customer service areas, driving a bus, turning a wrench or checking in a guest. They want to see you out front, praising in public or

patting them on the back for a job well done.

Conversely, you also need to look for the "not so good" signs that can also be present within the organization such as adverse morale trends or safety challenges and subsequently, take corrective action as required. Get out and about to see what's going on in your organization. Don't let email keep you from your troops.

I hope you understand what I am saying. Use e-mail for what it was intended for and don't let it become a primary leadership tool. Do a self-assessment and ensure you don't fall into the trap that I starting falling into — our troops are much too valuable for that.

Commander's Line

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution. Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.

- Col. Robert Winston
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

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Force shaping: Take control of your career

By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir
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Last month's announcement of new force-shaping initiatives by Air Force officials came as no surprise to most Airmen.

"Force shaping is a bitter pill that the Air Force needs in order to be prepared for the future," said Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander. "The call to trade personnel positions to recapitalize our assets for the future is a hard, yet courageous decision. Force shaping will ensure that we're equipped to continue to be the world's best Air Force."

There is a wealth of information out there about why the Air Force needs to reduce its size – this makes it easy to understand the decisions that officials have to make. All too often, however, it is just as easy to forget how force shaping affects the individual.

Force shaping doesn't have to be something that happens to you. Instead of being a number in the Air Force's end-strength goal, individual Airmen affected by this program can take control of their careers and prepare to survive force shaping.

More than 8,000 officers must separate through normal

attrition, retirement or force-shaping measures for the Air Force to meet the required 2007 fiscal year end-strength numbers, and steps are underway to shape the skills of enlisted corps.

"We have an excess officer inventory overall and many imbalanced officer specialties," said Maj. Angela Kim, commander of the 65th Mission Support Squadron's military personnel flight, "but we are currently on track to meet our enlisted end strength."

The new force-shaping initiatives are designed to bring the overall officer numbers down. The Air Force plans to reduce officers by approximately 3,200 using Voluntary Separation Pay alone.

"The Air Force is being proactive by offering voluntary separation incentives and using involuntary separation tools," said Major Kim, "making it that much more important for Airmen to be proactive about understanding what's out there."

Good to Know

E-mail records review at records.review@randolph.af.mil to request a copy of your record. It will take about 30-45 calendar days for your record to be e-mailed to your official military e-mail account.

The FY07 force-shaping program has three tools to lower the number of active-duty officers. Voluntary Separation Pay, a Selective Early Retirement Board and a fiscal 2007 Force Shaping Board are in place to help the Air Force reach its required end-strength.

There are several things Airmen can do to prepare for force shaping and come out ahead on the other side.

"The first step is to make sure you know what you are eligible for," said Major Kim, "and if you have any questions about eligibility ... ask!"

"The Air Force Contact Center and your local Military Personnel Flight are available to answer your specific questions on eligibility for voluntary and involuntary programs," she said, adding that the AFPC Web site will have the most up-to-date information on force shaping, and also provides a link to e-mail questions, as well as phone numbers to call.

After understanding which force-shaping initiatives apply to you, the next step in survival is making sure your records

are current.

"The board will review the officer's central selection record which consists of: Officer Selection Brief, OPRs, Training Reports, decorations, the Retention Recommendation Form and a letter if the member chooses to submit one," said Major Kim.

Once Airmen understand how they are affected by force shaping and have their ducks in a row, the final step to surviving force shaping is having a backup plan in place.

"Have a plan 'b' and a plan 'c' in place," advised Major Kim, when asked what is most important for members considering their separation options.

As more than 800 lieutenants learned earlier this year, force shaping outcomes can not be predicted. It is important to examine all of the options before making final career decisions so Airmen can be ready for the road ahead.

Surviving doesn't necessarily mean meeting the March 2007 force shaping board and being selected for retention. Survival means being armed with as much information as you need to make the right decisions about what is right for your Air Force career and your future.

Meet the New 65th OSS Commander

Name: Lt. Col. Roger Wagner
Squadron: 65th Operations Support Squadron

Hometown: Freeport, Ill.

Time in service: 20 years

Previous assignment: 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath

Job at previous assignment: Chief of Safety/F-15E Instructor Weapons Systems Officer

Hobbies: Sports, reading and family.

What's the most rewarding part of being a commander? Helping folks fix problems

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? Participating and winning the Global War on Terror.

Who's your role model? Why? My mother and father who raised a great family through tough times. They established my moral compass and patriotism, which I hope to pass on to my kids.

Goal for the unit: A mission-focused, united squadron of professionals enabling and participating in taking the fight to the enemy -- best in the business.



Lt. Col. Roger Wagner

Family child care providers needed

By Staff Sgt.

Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Family Child Care providers are now available at Lajes.

FCC homes opened in June for the first time in more than 5 years here.

There are two FCC providers that offer care in their home, but more are needed, stressed Kim Moore, family member programs flight chief.

The FCC program is a win-win situation. It offers job opportunities for spouses as well as additional child care options for the base populace.

Currently, there is a waiting list at the child development center for care.

Due to the small size of the CDC here the only other option for families with two working parents was hiring a local national nanny.

FCC hours of operation may offer more flexibility to meet the needs of military families' schedules than the CDC's set schedule.

Additionally, FCC homes are instrumental in the Air Force Aid Society programs here like volunteer child care, PCS child care and the Give Parents a Break Program. The Air Force Aid Society will pay

for up to 20 hours per week for volunteers who need child care. Individuals who are within 60 days of arriving or departing at Lajes are also eligible for up to 20 hours of child care paid for by the AFAS. Now that FCC homes are open, parents can choose the CDC or an FCC home for that care depending on where space is available.

In addition, a subsidy program has now made family child care more affordable.

The Air Force subsidy program allows parents to get small group care in a scenario for the same price as the CDC.

"The going rate for a child under the age of two is \$125 a week," said Dr. Moore. With the subsidy, parents pay an FCC provider what they would pay the CDC, and the Air Force will pay the provider the difference.

FCC offers a variety of home care options for children ages 4 weeks to 5th or 6th grade.

Providers are authorized to have six children in their home, with only two being age two or younger, including their own children.

Similar to the CDC, FCC providers use daily routines, planned curriculum and teachable moments to meet the varied needs and interests

of children.

Two of the first providers to open their FCC homes have been providers at other bases.

Paulette Grant has worked as an FCC provider for 5 years, and has achieved the highest level.

"It gives me the ability to stay at home with my children," Mrs. Grant said. "I didn't want to go outside the home while they were still young.

She offers care for preschool-aged children weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It's rewarding to see my children grow up around others," she said of being a provider.

Elizabeth Flowers, a developmental provider and in the self-study phase of becoming accredited, has been caring for children in her home under the FCC program for 11 years.

"I love doing home child care," Mrs. Flowers said. "It's great to work in my own home while taking care of my children." Her son, 4, always has someone to play with while his mom is an FCC provider and her 12-year-old daughter has someone to come home to when she gets out of school.

Mrs. Flowers offers child care in her home from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but will also be available after those hours on a case-by-case basis.

"It's nice to be able to help other families, and offer home care they can trust," she said.

Becoming an FCC provider is the same process across the Air Force. "Anyone who has been a licensed provider before can be one here," said Dr. Moore.

For individuals who have never been licensed, the process is easy, she said.

Training is a huge benefit for the Air Force FCC providers, said LisaMarie Mariglia, FCC training and curriculum specialist. "We have individual training in their homes as well as small group training in the

evenings and on weekends. It's all free and self paced which helps each provider offer a quality FCC home and prepare for inspections and accreditation."

One training module is completed each month which includes reading, test and observation.

After completing the modules, providers can apply for a developmental license.

"The highest level of licensing is the accredited status," said Ms. Mariglia.

The staff is committed to helping interested individuals become FCC providers.

The program provides training and support material on how to set up a business, and providers learn in a helping and supportive environment.

There is a family child care Resource Center that loans items to individuals who are FCC providers. "It's more than just books," Dr. Moore said. The lending library includes item such as cribs, shelving, baskets, toys, games, puzzles, training potties, gates and other safety equipment.

A good FCC home will focus on educational objectives while offering a safe, healthy and fire-proof environment for children.

Becoming an FCC provider has many advantages. It offers employment in the home, the ability to stay at home with a child, and awards and recognition programs for provider of the year.

As a reminder, AF regulation states individuals who are not licensed may not provide consistently scheduled care for more than 10 hours a week for children other than their own in government-owned housing. "This does not apply if you are going into someone else's home, only if others bring their children to you each week for more than a total of 10 hours," said Dr. Moore.



Eric Flowers, 4, Jenna Pryor, 3 and Elizabeth Flowers, play at the water table Wednesday. Mrs. Flowers is an FCC provider. (Courtesy photo)



Pizza recipe changes at 'Grill

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Pizza lovers won't find Dominos, Pizza Hut or Papa John's here at Lajes, but there is good news for people who enjoy an occasional pie.

After receiving several suggestions the management at the Oceanview Island Grill has changed the pizza recipe.

"After about 10-15 complaints, it was enough for us to see something was wrong," said Oceanview Island Grill manager Artur Oliveira.

Some patrons are surprised to know that the crust is made from scratch in the mornings. Because the dough is preformed into the pizza crust, when someone orders a pizza, it looks like they are pre-made, possibly store-bought crust.

The pre-formed pizza crust allows the staff at the grill to turn a pizza around in

just over 5 minutes.

The only step now is to put on the sauce, cheese and toppings before baking it in the pizza oven for a mere 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

This is ideal for busy days or orders of multiple pizzas for office gatherings, parties or other functions.

In fact, pizza orders account for 43 percent of their average sales at the Oceanview Island Grill, according to Sr. Oliveira.

Some of the complaints were that the crust was getting burnt at the bottom. After tweaking their dough recipe, and allowing taste-testers to judge the new pizza, the 'Grill has come up with what they hope is a winning solution.

They altered the ingredients in the dough for the crust which now isn't as dry as it has been in the past.

"My job is to try to change it if something is wrong," the manager stressed.

Offering a thin-crust pizza has also been a request from some consumers. Because of the labor and time involved with switching to a different method for crust, that option isn't possible at this time, but management has offered an alternative.

"We now offer a tortilla pizza," explained Sr. Oliveira. Pizza toppings are placed on a tortilla and baked. A one-topping tortilla pizza is available for \$4.50.

Although they can't change recipes or menu items for just one person, they welcome comments or feedback.



Luis Lourenço adds the finishing touches on a personal size pizza Monday. After several complaints, the Ocean View Island Grill management have changed the pizza recipe. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)



Alvaro Santos rolls the pizza dough before putting it in the press. (Courtesy photo)

Anyone with comments or a suggestion can fill out a customer questionnaire at the 'Grill, through the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, a web-based tool that collects feedback on services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense, by calling Sr. Oliveira at 535-3387 or telling him in person.

The management is open to feedback and encourages it. That was the first step to the new pizza.

USAFE giving away Jeep for Air Force's 59th Birthday

HQ USAFE SERVICES - SEMBACH AB GE - USAFE Services and Exchange New Car Sales are celebrating the Air Force's 59th Birthday by giving away a 2006 Jeep Rubicon September 8 as part of USAFE's Birthday Bash Celebration!

One lucky Airman will win the ride of a lifetime in the drawing, which is open to Air Force members assigned to USAFE, their family members and DoD civilian employees assigned to USAFE units or installations. Entry forms are available at most USAFE Services facilities, Exchange New Car Sales facili-



ties on USAFE installations, and on line at www.usafebirthdaybash.org.

Or, look for special entry form inserts in the August 10 and August 24 issues of *Stars &*

Stripes newspaper. All entries must be received at USAFE Services headquarters no later than 6 p.m. September 8, 2006, to be included in the drawing. "We are delighted to be partnering with Exchange New Car Sales for the third year in a row to offer this incredible prize to some lucky Airman for USAFE's Birthday Bash Celebration," said USAFE Services Marketing Director Ms. Mandy Smith-Nethercott.

Complete contest rules and eligibility requirements can be found online at <http://www.usafebirthdaybash.org/>.



FEATURE

Prepare students for school

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Rathbun
65th ABW Safety Office

School can be fun and exciting with every day bringing new experiences, but it can also be difficult and even frightening for children.

Kids today are faced not only with the challenges of learning new material, interacting with other students, and bullying, but also an increased threat of physical violence in schools. You can help prepare your children for the experiences they will face at school each year and help create a safer school environment.

The following tips are provided as advice on how to protect your children, and how to teach them to protect themselves.

Getting there:

- * Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas and parks where there aren't many people.

- * Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress the importance of crossing the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards, when they can.

- * Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.

- * Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them or

accept gifts from them, without your permission.

- * Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult.

- * Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

In the classroom:

- * Talk to your children about their day. Sometimes children won't tell you right away if they are having problems at school. Ask your children if they have seen anyone bullied, if they are bullied, or if anything else makes them feel uncomfortable. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends or torn clothing.

- * Teach children to resolve problems without fighting. Explain that fighting could lead to them getting hurt, hurting someone else or earning a reputation as a bully. Talk to them about other ways they can work out a problem, such as talking it out, walking away, sticking with friends or telling a trusted adult.

- * Keep an eye on your children's Internet use. Many elementary schools have computers with Internet access. Ask your children's school if students are monitored when they use the Internet or if there is a blocking device installed to prevent children from finding explicit Web sites. Talk to your children about what they do online – what sites they visit, who they e-mail and who they chat with.

- * Let them know they can talk to you



if anything they see online makes them uncomfortable, whether it's an explicit Web site or a classmate bullying them or someone else through e-mail, chat rooms or Web sites.

- * Ask about the safety and emergency plans for your children's school. How are local police involved? How are students and parents involved? What emergencies have been considered and planned for?

On the bus:

- * Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up.

- * Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or on the grass while waiting for the bus.

- * Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.

- * Be aware that bullying often takes place on the school bus. Ask children about their bus – who they sit with, who they talk to and what the other kids do. Let them know that if they see someone being bullied, or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver, or another trusted adult.

School supplies available at open house

AAFES will sell most of the items listed in the school supply list in grade level packets at the open house today. Please be aware that



individual teachers may vary some from this list.

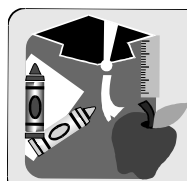
As sample of the packet for kindergarten includes: 1 box 24 count crayons; 1 large set watercolor markers; 1 package 12/24 count #2 pencils; 1 watercolor paint set; 2 bottles glue; 2 large glue sticks and 1 composition book (100 sheets); 1 box tissues. Kindergartners will also

need a backpack. Fifth graders will have items in their pack like 20 count #2 pencils; pens (blue and black); 3 pack loose leaf paper (200 count); 1 box tissues; red checking pens; 3 folders with prongs; 1 pair rounded tip scissors; glue sticks; colored pencils; supply pouch, 1-1" three ring binder, 3 spiral notebooks, markers and crayons.





FEATURE



Back to School

School notes

First day of school and school hours – Monday is the first day of school for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will begin Tuesday, Sept. 5.

- Students in grades 6-12 will start school each morning at 7:50 a.m. and will dismiss at 2:30 p.m.

- Students in grades K-5 will start school each morning at 8 a.m. and will dismiss at 2:30 p.m.

Building renovations – This summer has been an extremely busy one with renovations of parts of the new Lajes American School. The renovated Information Center (library) has been completed. The new upstairs middle school wing has also been renovated with three new classrooms, computer lab, lockers and hallway. The main high school hallway with new walls and new lockers will soon be complete. The new school entrance that will connect the elementary and high school wings is scheduled to be complete by mid-September. There is still work to be done in the elementary school wing

along with new windows for the entire school.

Please note students in grades 6-12 will not have lockers for the first 3-5 weeks of school. Once lockers have been installed, these students will be assigned individual lockers. Until then, students will have to use backpacks. Also, since the new entrance will not be complete for the start of school, parents of elementary students will have to use the old elementary wing entrance for the first 2-3 weeks.

Class assignments/schedules – Class lists for grades K-5 are posted on the elementary wing doors of the school building.

Any class changes, glitches or concerns can be addressed during the first two weeks of the school year.

School office has moved – With the transition to a unit school, the old high school office has become the new Lajes American School office. This central office will be serving all students, grades K-12, and their fami-

lies. Remember that while the new entrance is under construction, you will have to enter through the HS doors closest to the LYP baseball field.

School lunches – AAFES will continue to provide school lunches for students. School lunch prices have not been finalized at this time.

Parents are encouraged to open lunch accounts for their children at the Ocean View BX. Students may also bring a sack lunch from home. AAFES will allow a student to charge a lunch if there is no money in his/her lunch account, but this should rarely happen. Please ensure your child



has a lunch or money in their account each day.

School Advisory Committee news – The School Advisory Committee, comprised of elected parent and educator representatives, is looking for parents to run for election as a parent representative. This is another way the Lajes American School community can voice their opinions and make suggestions regarding school improvement. If you would like to have your name on the ballot, contact Kathy Grimes at 295-549-180 or the school office at 535-6216/4151.

Vacation – While living in Europe, families have extraordinary opportunities to travel. Please do remember, however, that school attendance is important as well. We encourage you to make every effort to reference the school calendar and schedule family trips when school is not in session. No make-up work can ever replace in-class instruction and participation.



2006-07 Lajes American School calendar

Aug. 25	Grades 1-5 open house at noon;
	Grades 6-12 new student orientation at 2 p.m.
Aug. 28	First day of school for grades 1-12 students
Aug. 28 – Sept. 1	Kindergarten Home Visitations
Sept. 1	Grades 6-12 Open House in base theater at 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Labor Day – Federal Holiday
Sept. 5	First Day of School for Kindergarten
Sept. 29	Teacher Training Day – no school for students
Oct. 9	Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
Nov. 3	No school for students – Teacher Workday
Nov. 8	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades K-5 students only
Nov. 9	Parent Teacher Conferences for ALL students
Nov. 10	Veterans' Day – Federal Holiday
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving – Federal Holiday
Nov. 24	Friday – Recess Day
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Winter Recess
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Federal Holiday
Jan. 26	No school for students – Teacher Workday
Feb. 5	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades K-5 students only
Feb. 19	Presidents' Day – Federal Holiday
March 9	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades 6-12 students only
April 6	No school for students – Teacher Workday
April 9 - 13	Spring Recess
April 20	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades K-5 students only
April 27	Teacher Training Day – no school for students
May 28	Memorial Day – Federal Holiday
June 14	Last day of school for students



Fiesta

Lajes youth sing, dance and give praise during Vacation Bible School Aug. 14-18 at the chapel. The theme for this year's VBS was Fiesta. Children also worked on projects while learning, during VBS. (Courtesy photos)



SFS Blotter

Aug. 17

911 Emergency:

Summary: The complainant contacted SDCC via 911 Emergency line to report someone had forcefully pushed opened the rear sliding door to her residence in base housing. The complainant had locked the rear sliding door of her residence and proceeded upstairs to take a bath. Ten minutes later she went back downstairs to check on her clothes and noticed the rear sliding door was open and still in the locked position. Security Forces conduct a sweep of the area for suspicious individuals. The sweep was terminated with negative findings.

Aug. 19

Theft of private property unsecure:

Summary: The complainant telephoned to report two bicycles and garden hose with nozzle attachment were stolen by unknown person(s). Security Forces arrived on-scene to make contact with complainant who stated that a boy's Mega Flex, bicycle, a girl's Catalyst bicycle and a green garden hose with a nozzle attachment were stolen. He further stated that the items were not secure to his knowledge.

Aug. 20

Theft of private property (secure):

Summary: The complainant entered the SDCC to report he is missing items out of his vehicle. He noticed his vehicle's front passenger side door was forced open and the glass forced outside the rail also causing damage to the rubber guide on the door. Value of the damage was unknown. The complainant further stated that missing items included five DVDs valued at an estimated \$100 and \$10 in coins.

Jenny, the military spouse

The Walk-through

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Missoula: Play packs in audience, skills

By Matthew Weir
Freelance writer

More than 100 parents and friends exploded into applause as children took their bows at the end of the Little Red Riding Hood performance at the Community Center here Saturday.

The performance was the culmination of the week-long Missoula Children's Theater sponsored by the 65th Services Squadron.

For six days, 33 children ages 6 to 14 memorized hundreds of lines, songs, dance moves and positioning. In that short amount of time, parents saw quiet kids come out of their shells and hyper kids focus their energy to achieve a goal.

Missoula Children's Theater creates a positive environment where children can learn about themselves and working with others, according to Missoula actor/directors Maryann Carlson and Heather Marsh-Prelesnik.

"The Missoula mission is the development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts," said Mrs. Marsh-Prelesnik.

She said one of the most amazing things about

working with Missoula is watching children who have been labeled as shy or not team players come out of their shells.

"That is just one of the things that makes working for Missoula worthwhile," Mrs. Marsh-Prelesnik. "It is also amazing to see the hard work that each child puts into the performance.

They can't slack during this program, they only have 5 or 6 days to learn everything."

Three of 65th Air Base Wing's Staff Judge Advocates four children partici-

Missoula will tour Lajes Field again this time next year. For details about Missoula Children's Theater, visit <http://www.mctinc.org>.

pated in the performance. Lt. Col. Derek Grimes said his oldest son, Bailey, 10, is usually the most expressive and his youngest, Dylan, 6, is typically the least expressive.

"My kids are very expressive in person, but when you put them in front of a crowd their personalities change," said Colonel Grimes.

Young men and women like Sam Katz, 14, and Jeffrey Maler, 12, come back year after year to have fun with the Missoula program.

Sam was one of Little Red Riding Hood's girlfriends who strayed from the path and fell in with the wrong crowd. This is her third year in Missoula



Above: The locksmith, Sarah Allen, and babyhood, Kendra Brown, are upset when they can't find the lock to go with the key. Bottom left: The three little pigs stole Little Red Riding Hood's picnic basket, as the girlfriends look on during the Missoula Performance, a twist on Little Red Riding Hood. (Photos by Matthew Weir)

and she has plans to come back again.

This year marked Jeffrey's second year with Missoula, and he scored a large role as the outspoken Forrest Ranger Rooney.

"I like acting," Jeffrey said. "To be on stage is neat and I like that when I am acting I'm not really me."

Whatever their reasons for coming back, children must be ready to be big and expressive, loud and clear, and able to listen and follow directions to get a part each year.



The big bad wolf, Maryann Carlson, watches over her brother, the little lovable wolf, Matthew Donohue.



Biscoitos to host wine festival Sept. 2

By Ed Lima
Community Relations Adviser

This year, the wine festival will take place Sept. 2 in the village of Biscoitos.

The festival kicks off at 2:30 p.m. with a parade between the Wine Museum located at Canada do Caldeiro in Biscoitos and the vineyards located next to the seafont, where participants will be invited to help with the picking of the grapes.

Following that, the parade heads back to the wine museum where participants can crush the grapes with their bare feet inside a tank in the traditional way it used to be done many years ago. Visitors will also have the opportunity to taste the new wine juice that flows from the wine presses.

Members of a local folklore group dressed with traditional costumes will also participate in these events and perform throughout the afternoon. The wine festival is open to everybody who wishes to participate or watch.



Wine Museum

As mentioned above, part of the wine festival will take place at the Wine Museum. This facility is open to the public year round and is the only museum of its type on Terceira Island.

If you decide to visit it, your first stop will be the wine cellar where the wine presses are located. This is where people crush the grapes with

their bare feet during the vintage season, which runs from late August until mid of September. It's in this cellar the winery produces the country renowned "Verdelho" wine and "Vinho de Cheiro," along with the sweet liquor made of wine called "Angelica" and some other brandies.

Huge casks made of American and European wood can be seen in another area of the cellars where the wine ages for 9 to 12 years. After aging, the wine is bottled by hand and sold.

The museum, located above the wine cellar, depicts the history of wine production in the village since the beginning of the 20th century.

Items on display include tools used by local farmers to work the vineyards, such as hoes, pruning shears, baskets and axes. There are also displays of old carpentry tools, ox carts, 19th-century wine presses, old British gin bottles — used to carry the Verdelho wine to the Czars of Russia, and old photographs showing various tasks

The Wine Museum is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30-5:30 p.m. through Sept. 30.

Between Oct. 1 and April 30 the museum is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4 p.m. Admittance is free.

associated with the harvesting of grapes.

Senhor Francisco Maria Brum, a descendent of Dutch settlers, founded the winery in 1890. Fernando Brum, his grandson, presently owns it.

After touring the winery and museum, guests are usually asked to taste the different types of wines and liquors. The winery also has items available to purchase as souvenirs.

Every year, in September, the museum sponsors a week-long festival known as "Festival of the Vintage." It features several activities related with the harvesting of grapes, as well as performances by folklore dancers and conferences about the production of wine.

At the Movies



Today: 2 p.m. -
Pirates of the
Caribbean: Dead
Man's Chest
starring Johnny
Depp, Keira
Knightley

Once again
thrown into the world
of the supernatural,
Captain Jack Sparrow finds out that he
owes a blood debt to the legendary
Davey Jones, Captain of the ghostly
Flying Dutchman. With time running
out, Jack must find a way out of his
debt or else be doomed to eternal
damnation and servitude in the
afterlife. And as if this weren't enough,
the Captain's problems manage to
wreck the wedding plans of a certain
Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, who



are forced to join Jack on
yet another misadventure. Rated PG-13
(adventure violence,
frightening images) 145
min

7 p.m. - The Devil Wears Prada

Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway
In the dizzying world of New York
fashion, where size zero is the new 2, six
is the new 8, and a bad hair day can end a
career, Runway Magazine is the Holy
Grail. Overseen with a finely manicured
fist by Miranda Priestly — the most
powerful woman in fashion — Runway is a
fearsome gauntlet for anyone who wants
to make it in the industry. To make

Runway the fashion bible of New York and
therefore the world, Miranda has let
nothing stand in her way, including a
long line of assistants that didn't make
the cut. Rated PG-13 (sensuality) 111 min

Saturday: 2 p.m. - Click; 7 p.m. -
Superman Returns

Sunday: 2 p.m. - Superman
Returns; 7 p.m. - Click

Thursday: 7 p.m. - Waist Deep

Next week: Little Man; You, Me
and Dupree





PLANNER

Lajes services and facility hours of operation

Arts and Crafts Center
Wood/Engraving, Frame Shop
 (Bldg. T-308) 535-3909/535-5255
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays Noon-8 p.m.
 Wednesdays Noon-8 p.m.
 Thursdays Noon-8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Sundays, Mondays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Atlantic Island Kennels
 (Bldg. T-587) 535-3855
 Weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon
 Sundays, holidays Closed
☐ Closed for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. daily; groomer available by reservation during normal operating hours.

Auto Shop
 (Bldg. T-424) 535-3513
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Sundays, Mondays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Auto Shop Annex
 (Bldg. T-424) 535-3174
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Fridays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Sundays, holidays Closed

Burger King - AAFES
 (Bldg. T-169) 535-3849
 Mondays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Tuesdays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Wednesdays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Thursdays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Fridays 7 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Sundays 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Child Development Center
 (Bldg. T-209) 535-3188/3192
 Mondays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sunday Closed
 U.S. holidays Closed

Community Center
 (Bldg. T-307) 535-4135/5216
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sundays noon - 5 p.m.
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Fitness Center
 (Bldg. T-333) 535-6126
 Mondays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Tuesdays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Wednesdays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Thursdays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Fridays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sundays 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Down days 8 a.m. - midnight
 Holidays 8 a.m. - midnight

Flight Kitchen
 (Bldg. T-701) 535-6389/6390
 Under renovations Closed

Hillside Bowling Center
 (Bldg. T-169) 535-6210/1147
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
 Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Thursdays 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Sundays 2 - 9:30 p.m.
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Human Resources Office
 (Bldg. T-112)
 535-6582/5200
 Weekdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Weekends, holidays Closed

Laundry and Dry Cleaners
 (Bldg. T-207) 535-3630
 Weekdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sundays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Library
 (Bldg. T-208) 535-3688
 Mondays 3 - 8 p.m.
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sundays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holidays Open
 Christmas Day Closed
 New Year's Day Closed

Lodging
 (Bldg. T-166) 535-5178
 295-54-5178 from off base
 Daily Open 24 hours

Oceanview Island Grill
 (Bldg. T-319) 535-3387
 Daily 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Home deliveries 4 - 11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation and Sports Equipment
 (Bldg. T-319) 535-4140
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sundays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Pre-Teen Program
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
 Weekdays 2 - 6 p.m.
 Saturdays Closed
 Sundays Closed
 Friday socials 7 - 9 p.m.

School Age Program
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
 Weekdays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Weekends Closed
 U.S. holidays Closed
☐ Weekday hours are before and/or after school.

Subway
 (Bldg. T-307) 295-54-3324
 Mondays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sundays noon - 6 p.m.

Teen Center
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
 Weekdays 2 - 6 p.m.
 Fridays 9 p.m. - midnight
 Saturdays 9 p.m. - midnight

Sunday Closed

Top of the Rock Club
 (Bldg. T-121) 535-3202/6156
Administrative office
 Mondays 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays through Fridays
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Breakfast
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon

Lunch
 Mondays through Saturdays
 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dinner
 Tuesdays through Saturdays
 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Lounge
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
 Wednesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
 Thursdays 4 p.m. - 2 a.m.
 Fridays 4 p.m. - 4 a.m.
 Saturdays 4 p.m. - 3 a.m.
 Sundays Closed

Food and Fun
 Weekdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Sundays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed
☐ Food and Fun closed the last working day of the month for inventory as well as all federal holidays and U.S. Army and Air Force training days.

Tradewinds Dining Facility
 (Bldg. T-415) 535-4156
Breakfast
 Weekdays, holidays 6 - 9 a.m.
 Weekends 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lunch
 Weekdays 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Holidays 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Weekends 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dinner
 Weekdays 4 - 8 p.m.
 Holidays, weekends 4 - 8 p.m.

Midnight Meal
 Weekdays 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Holidays 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Weekends 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Veterinary Clinic
 (Bldg. T-459) 535-3134
 Weekdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Weekends Closed
☐ Night clinic available monthly.

Youth Program
Administrative Office
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-3273/1197
 Weekdays noon to 5:30 p.m.



EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Note: If trying to reach POCs off base, dial 295-57-XXXX (last four digits of the number listed).

In the Community

Street bullfights: **Saturday:** 6:30 p.m. São Brás; 6:30 p.m. Rua do Regelo, Fonte do Bastardo; 6:30 p.m. Canada da Fonte, Biscoitos; 6:30 p.m. Posto Santo; **Sunday:** 6 p.m. Rua do Biscoito, Fonte do Bastardo; **Monday:** 12:30 p.m. Running of the bulls for children in Cabo da Praia; 6:30 p.m. Vila Nova; 6:30 p.m. Vila Nova; **Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Cabo da Praia; 6:30 p.m. Vila Nova; 6:30 p.m. Raminho; **Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. Cabo da Praia and 6:30 p.m. Raminho

Miscellaneous

Kid's Night Out and Teen Night Pool Party:

The Kid's Night Out for tonight will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Parents need to drop off and pick their children at the swimming pool. The prices are \$5.25 members and \$6.30 for non members. For Teen night tonight, teens will be at the pool from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the pool to the Youth Center. The Youth Center will be open until midnight for the teens. The prices are \$5.25 for members and \$6.30 for non members.

Alcoholics Anonymous: AA meetings take place 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of the base chapel (T-305). This is an English speaking meeting. For more information, call 295-513-297

An Al-Anon meeting takes place at the Azorean Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings. Al-Anon is a support group for friends and family of alcoholics. These meetings can be attended if the alcoholic in your life is still drinking or not. This is an English speaking meeting. For information or directions call 295-549-731.

Air Force Ball: The AF Ball, sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter #270, will be 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the TORC Ballroom. First sergeants will be the point of contact for ticket sales. Prices are: \$14 for E1-

E4, \$17 for E5-E6, \$20 for E7 and above. Menu choices are: grilled salmon or chicken and brisket combo plate, or vegetarian plate. The AF Ball committee is holding auditions/tryouts for singers to sing the National Anthem. Auditions will be held Aug. 31.

They are also seeking live bands that can play top 40, country and R&B music. E-mail savina.hughes-thomas@lajes.af.mil to coordinate auditions.

Lajes Boys Orphanage Trip: Come spend some time with the kids at the all-boys orphanage in Lajes Saturday from 2-4 p.m. If you have a special talent, like juggling, guitar, etc., feel free to come and share it with the boys. Donations of school supplies is encouraged, but not necessary. A caravan/car pool will meet at the commissary at 1:30 p.m. and leave around 1:45 p.m. for the orphanage. Everyone is invited to bring some much needed smiles to the boys at the Lajes orphanage. For more information e-mail James.McGuffin@lajes.af.mil.

American Red Cross classes: For anyone interested in becoming a certified Red Cross instructor, the next FIT (Fundamentals of Instructor Training) Class is 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$22.50. A babysitters course is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 6, in Bldg. T-714, second floor conference room. Cost is \$25.

After Sept. 29, the ARC will no longer have an active station here at Lajes. This may be the last time these classes will be offered here. To sign up or for more details, call the ARC staff at 535-3516.

Education

Home buying seminars: The Airman and Family Readiness Center will hold a home buying seminar 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday. The class will cover renting, buying, affordability, location as well as mortgages and how to shop for them. Seating is limited. To sign up call 535-4138.

Free Portuguese Class: Learn the host Nation Language. Call now to reserve a seat for the upcoming conver-

sational Portuguese class sponsored by the Lajes Advancement and Career Center. Classes begin Sept. 5 and meet, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon for four weeks. For more information or to reserve your seat, call 535-3355.

Central Texas College: Central Texas College offers essential career training and an opportunity to earn a college degree or certificate in a variety of vocational/technical fields, including early childhood education, criminal justice and food services management. Registration for upcoming classes has been extended through today. Stop by the ACE to sign up.

OU: The next course being offered for the Fall is HR 5412-222, "Chemical Dependency," an elective course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. Course dates are Sept. 26 to Oct. 1. Monday is the last day to add or drop the class.

Jobs/Volunteer

CTC Substitute Local Program Manager: Central Texas College is seeking a Substitute Local Program Manager. An associate degree with a background in marketing and customer service is required. Contact Anneke Cerri at 535-6722 or Anneke.cerri@lajes.af.mil for more information.

Volunteer monitors needed: The school needs volunteer monitors from 7:45 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays Monday through Sept. 28. For more information, call 535-1314/969-876-242.

UFT Selection Board: The next Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board will convene at The Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 7. This Selection Board will review active-duty applications for selection to pilot, CSO, and Air Battle Manager Training. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1977 and a TFCSD after April 1, 200, who meet all other eligibility criteria, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants must send the

completed application, postmarked by Nov. 27 To HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4733. Applicants are responsible to advise commanders/supervisors providing AF IMT 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants need to complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. Pilot applicants must complete the test of basic aviation skills. For information on application procedures, See AFI 36-2205.

Classified Ads

E-mail ads to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

For sale: African-American Art Print for sale by the famous artist Annie Lee. The print is called Holy Ghost. The print is new, unframed and still in the mailing tube. Asking price \$50, firm. Call Kowana 295-549-250.

For sale the Limousine of Island Bombs: 1988 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series: Automatic, 90,000+ miles, working AC, CD player, new springs and shocks, transmission filter. I have a new muffler and pipes that I haven't put on. Transmission needs work. Make me an offer. Call 968-713-450

For sale: BMW 525i 1994 in excellent condition. \$5,500 OBO. Contact charles.mcgee@lajes.af.mil.

For sale: 2005 Toyota Camry LE, automatic, black exterior, 4-cyl VVT-i engine, only 10.5k miles, remote entry/alarms, power locks/windows, AM/FM/CD, factory tint, spoiler, dealer maintained (even on island), factory warranty. \$18,500. Call 295-549-609 or email troyandieddie@gmail.com.

For sale: 2005 530i BMW - 6-speed manual, 13,000 miles, excellent condition. Includes: Sport Package, Dakota leather, and front heated seats. Call Tara at 963-345-385.

For Sale: 1997 Ford Eddie Bauer Expedition with leather seats, power steering, automatic windows, 4 new tires, sunroof, power steering, tow rack—Great SUV!!! For info, call 295-549-670.

PCSing to a base in or near Florida? 2001 Harley-Davidson FLST Heritage Softail-Excellent condition, one owner, garage kept, lots of extra chrome including front forks and nacelle headlamp, Screamin Eagle pipes, passenger back rest, luggage rack, nostalgic chrome and rubber floor boards, pedals and grips, detachable windshield. Security system. Fuel injected. All maint. records avail. 48,000 miles. Price is firm at \$12,000. Call Al at 772-223-4000, ext. 1. Check it out at cycletrader.com; search for Harleys in ZIP code 34997.

House for rent: Beautiful two-story newer home in Porto Martins will be available mid-late September. Gorgeous view and walking distance to swimming hole. Light colored tile throughout. Can be three bedrooms and two baths or a master suite upstairs with another bedroom downstairs. Perfect for roommates too. Living room and dining room each have french doors to front patio and view. Large downstairs bath has Jacuzzi tub. For details or to see, call 295-516-031 or 535-3347.